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HMWWV and POV Accident; One Fatality - Safety Alert 07-03

A contractor was killed at an intersection on Fort Polk. A HMWWV failed to stop and struck the POV. The accident investigation is on-going.

This is the first time we have had an accident on post at an intersection but it is a death. We must stay alert and always be observant when driving. Accidents are preventable.

The community's safety is of the utmost importance. We cannot afford to have a preventable death. Details at this time are limited but consider these actions to help prevent POVs.

When driving always comply with posted traffic signs.

Be alert, be observant, expect the unexpected and maintain situational awareness.

Remember that HMWWVs have larger blind spots than most commercial vehicles.

Ensure Soldiers take the Army Accident Avoidance Course; see the USAAC website for registration instructions. I encourage all drivers to take this course.

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